GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LOOTING OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attempts have been made to loot the trains by track hold up i.e. manipulating the signals recently;

(b) if so, the names of the routes on which such incidents have occurred; and

(c) the details of remedial measures being taken by the Railways to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 03 incidents have been reported during the current year 2007 (upto April). The details are as under :-

Railway	Number of cases reported	Names of the route
Central	1	On 14.04.2007 at about 22.00 hrs. 10 to 15 unknown persons, tampered with the Up-Home Signal of Bhilavadi Railway Station in Pune - Miraj section of Pune Division to stop the Train No.1012 Up Kolhapur-Chatrapatti Shivaji Terminus Mumbai Mahalaksmi Express with a view to committing crime. However, due to the alertness of Railway Protection Force deployed for Escorting Duty in the train, the criminals failed to commit any crime.
North Central	1	In the night of 13/14.04.2007, some miscreants stopped Train No.2621 Dn. near Mohasa Railway Station in Bina - Lalitpur section by tampering with the Signal system. However, Railway Protection staff foiled their attempt to commit crime in the train.
South Central	1	On the intervening night of 17/16.04.2007, Train No.6340 Nagercoil Junction- Chatrapatti Shivaji Terminus Mumbai Express stopped at Home Signal Chigicherla due to a disruption in the signal wire by miscreants. Railway Protection Force (RPF) Escort staff received a complaint from a lady passenger by name Smt. S. Sundaram traveling in S-5 Coach of the said train that an unknown person snatched her gold chain weighing about 3 Â½ tolas valued Rs.25,000/- at Chigicherla Home Signal.

(c): The following measures are being taken by the Railways to check such incidents:-
About 2230 trains are being escorted on an average daily by Government Railway Police.

To effectively supplement the efforts of the Government Railway Police in controlling crime on the Railways, about 1450 trains are being escorted on an average daily by Railway Protection Force after the amendments of the Railway Protection Force Act 1957 and the Railways Act 1989.

Regular co-ordination meetings with State Police and Government Railway Police authorities areheld to discuss crime trends and formulate effective strategies to contain crimes.